

LAND ACT (IRELAND), SECTION 31 (ADVANCES).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 12 May 1882;—for,

RETURN "showing the Number of APPLICATIONS made by Occupiers of Land in Ireland to the Board of Works for ADVANCES under Section 31 of the LAND ACT, 1881; the Number of LOANS sanctioned by the Board, and the AMOUNT Advanced on foot of such Applications, from the Date of the passing of the Act up to the 30th day of April 1882; also the Estimated ANNUAL COST of the STAFF specially employed to carry out the Provisions of said Section 31, and the Number, Description, and Salaries of the Officers forming such Staff."

Number of applications made by occupiers of land in Ireland to the Board of Works for advances under Section 31 of the Land Law Act, 1881 - - - - -	347
Of which there were:	
Applications in duplicate - - - - -	8
Applications rejected, not being within the terms of the Treasury Minute of the 21st December 1881 - - - - -	107
Applications transferred, to be dealt with under the Land Improvement Act, 1847 - - - - -	23
	138
Remaining for consideration - - - - -	209
Number of Loans sanctioned to 30th April 1882 - - - - -	9
(The power to sanction Loans rests with the Treasury, not with the Board of Works).	
Amount advanced on account of such Loans to 30th April 1882 - - - - -	Nil.
Estimated annual cost of staff specially employed to give effect to the provisions of Section 31 of the Land Law Act, 1881 - - - - -	£. 2,850
<i>Description.</i>	
1 Assistant Commissioner - - - - -	600 l. yearly.
1 Second Class Clerk - - - - -	320 l. "
1 Lower Division Clerk - - - - -	80 l. "
1 Examiner of Plans and Estimates - - - - -	25 l. monthly.
2 Copyists - - - - -	10 s. hourly.
4 Inspectors for Local Inquiries - - - - -	25 l. monthly.

The Regulations, which were framed in order to give effect to Section 31 of the Land Law Act, required very careful preparation, and were not issued until the 21st December 1881. The Inspectors were appointed on the 27th of the same month, and commenced their duties at their respective stations as soon as possible after that date.

Some time must necessarily be occupied in local inquiries and in the preparation of plans and estimates, and a period of six weeks is required by the Treasury Regulations between the advertisement of the application and the advance. It is estimated that a period of from 70 to 75 days, on the average, must elapse between the date of application and the date of advance; and the information furnished by the applicants for loans has often been of so incomplete a character as to cause prolonged correspondence and inquiry, and consequent delay.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, }
2 June 1882.

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LAND ACT (HULL) VI, SECTION 31
(APPENDIX)

EXPERT showing the number of Agricultural
machines (tractors of land or tractors for the land
of 10 acres or less) in use under Section 31 of the Land
Act, 1911, the number of horses owned by the
land, and the number of horses in use of such
applications, from the date of the passing of the Act
up to 31st April 1912, also the estimated average
time of the horses actually employed in work and
the number of such horses, and the number of
horses and number of the horses having such
work.

(Mr. Aldridge.)

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